

**LOCAL EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION
DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY IN LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROCLAMATION NO. 2024-12
TROPICAL DEPRESSION FOUR**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority provided in sections 252.31-252.90, Florida Statutes (“F.S.”), the Board of County Commissioners of Leon County, Florida, adopted the Leon County Local Emergency Management Ordinance (“Ordinance”), which is codified in Chapter 2, Article VIII, of the Code of Laws of Leon County, Florida (the “Leon County Code”); and

WHEREAS, in section 2-305 of the Leon County Code, a natural emergency is defined as an emergency caused by a natural event, including, but not limited to, a hurricane, storm, or flood; and

WHEREAS, on August 1, 2024, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order No. 24-156, declaring that a state of emergency exists for enumerated counties in the Florida Peninsula due to Invest 97L; and

WHEREAS, on August 3, 2024, Invest 97L strengthened into Tropical Depression Four, with maximum sustained winds of 30 miles per hour; and

WHEREAS, there currently exists in Leon County the threat of a natural emergency from Tropical Depression Four; and

WHEREAS, prompt and efficient precautions are required to safeguard lives and property that may be affected by the natural emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority conferred by Chapter 252, F.S., and Chapter 2, Article VIII, Leon County Code, and after consultation with state and local authorities, I find as follows:

1. Local State of Emergency. A Local State of Emergency is declared to exist in Leon County, Florida, requiring immediate and expeditious action to safeguard lives and property. The Local State of Emergency shall take effect at 11 a.m. on August 3, 2024, and will continue for a period of seven days, in accordance with section 2-330(b), Leon County Code, and may be extended in seven-day increments as necessary.

2. Authority. The Director of the County Division of Emergency Management (“Director”) is authorized to coordinate County emergency management activities, services, and programs within the County, including those actions enumerated in Chapter 252, F.S., section 2-307 of the Leon County Code, and Executive Order No. 24-156, as may be amended. The Director shall serve as the liaison with the Director of the Division of Emergency Management, as the State Coordinating Officer for the duration of this emergency, and other local emergency management agencies and organizations.

3. Filing with Clerk. This Local Emergency Proclamation shall be filed with the Office of the Clerk within three days after issuance.

4. Local Emergency Proclamation on Dedicated Webpage. This Local Emergency Proclamation shall be made available on a dedicated webpage accessible through a conspicuous link on the County’s homepage.

5. Link to Division of Emergency Management. A link to this Local Emergency Proclamation on the County’s dedicated webpage shall be provided to the Division of Emergency Management within the Executive Office of the Governor.

THIS LOCAL EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION authorizes the activation of the Leon County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and the exercise of all powers provided by Chapter 252, F.S., and Chapter 2, Article VIII, Leon County Code.

Dated this 3rd day of August, 2024.

LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA

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Carolyn D. Cummings
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Carolyn D. Cummings, Chair
Board of County Commissioners

ATTESTED BY:
Gwendolyn Marshall Knight, Clerk of Court
& Comptroller, Leon County, Florida

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Chasity H. O’Steen, County Attorney
Leon County Attorney’s Office

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